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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
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USAF PENTAGON

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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MASS, SU

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED ACTIVITY IN SUDAN

REF: (A) KHARTOUM 1618 (B) KHARTOUM 1531 (C) STATE 61530

1. DEPARTMENT CANNOT CONSIDER APPROVING ACTIVITY PROPOSED  
PARA 3 REF A WITHOUT MORE DETAILS. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER,  
OBJECT TO LOCKHEED DISCUSSING WITH GOS OFFICIALS BROAD  
OUTLINES OF A PROGRAM TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN MIG-21 AND  
MI-8 AIRCRAFT. DISCUSSIONS COULD FOCUS ON DETERMINING  
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SCOPE AND NATURE OF WORK INVOLVED AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENT  
AND SERVICES WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED BY PROGRAM. ONCE  
LOCKHEED HAS FULLER PICTURE OF WHAT PROGRAM MIGHT ENTAIL,  
COMPANY SHOULD FILE USUAL REQUEST WITH MUNITIONS CONTROL  
FOR ADVISORY OPINION TO AUTHORIZE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS  
WITH GOS. ULTIMATE DECISION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR MC  
REVIEW PROCESS. LOCKHEED REPS SHOULD BE SPECIFICALLY TOLD

THAT APPROVAL OF THESE EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS IS MADE SOLELY TO ALLOW THEM TO OBTAIN SUFFICIENT DETAIL FOR DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW, AND IN NO WAY PRE-JUDGES OUR ULTIMATE DECISION ON THIS PROPOSAL. LOCKHEED SHOULD LIMIT ITS DISCUSSIONS TO AVIATION MATTERS AND SHOULD AVOID DISCUSSIONS ON TANK REFURBISHMENT.

2. FYI, AS POST MAY BE AWARE, EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT DID NOT OPT FOR MIG REFURBISHMENT PROPOSAL IN WHICH LOCKHEED WOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED, AND ELECTED BRITISH PROPOSAL INSTEAD. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT UNDER BRITISH PROPOSAL, MIG REFURBISHMENT WORK WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED INSIDE EGYPT, END FYI.

3. UP TO NOW, MUNITIONS CONTROL HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FROM LOCKHEED TO PROVIDE ADVISORY OPINION ON AIR DEFENSE/ AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PROPOSAL MENTIONED REF B.  
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